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To form into a mosaic pattern, as by using small squares of stone or glass.

[From Latin tessellātus, *of small square stones*, from tessella, *small cube*, diminutive of tessera, *a square*. See tessera.]**tes'sel·la'tion** *n.**Source: The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition**Copyright © 2000 by Houghton Mifflin Company.**Published by Houghton Mifflin Company. All rights reserved.***tessellated**\Tes'sel*la'ted\, *a.* 1. Formed of little squares, as mosaic work; checkered; as, a tessellated pavement.

2. (Bot. & Zo[o]l.) Marked like a checkerboard; as, a tessellated leaf.

*Source: Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary, © 1996, 1998 MICRA, Inc.*Tessellate \Tes'sel*late\, *v.* *t.* [imp. & *p. p.* Tessellated; *p. pr.* & *vb. n.* Tessellating.] [*L.* tessellatus *tessellated*. See Tessellar.] To form into squares or checkers; to lay with checkered work.

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The floors are sometimes of wood, tessellated after the fashion of France. --
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tessellated

adj 1: having a checkered or mottled appearance 2: decorated with small pieces of colored glass or stone fitted together; "a mosaic floor"; "a tessellated pavement" [syn: mosaic]

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